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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The interlineations or cancellations made in the specification or amendments to the claims could lead to confusion and mistake during the issue and printing processes. In the amendment received on March 17, 2008, Applicants inadvertently requested a change to the following paragraph that was not in the instant application specification.

Applicants stated on page 3 of the **Amendments to the Specification**:

Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 2, line 10 and ends on page 2, line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

In large-scale networks, the host and remote end devices of a network circuit may be connected across different local access and transport areas ("LATAs") which may [[be]] in turn be connected to one or more Inter-Exchange Carriers ("IEC") for transporting data between the LATAs. These connections are made through physical trunk circuits utilizing fixed logical connections known as Network-to-Network Interfaces ("NNIs"). For example, a network circuit from Birmingham to Miami may have connections from a host device in the Birmingham LATA to an IEC and then from the IEC to a remote device in the Miami LATA.

It appears the above citation is from another application and accordingly, the above portion of the specification has been disregarded.

Applicants also stated on page 6 of the Amendment:

Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 18, line 16 and ends on page 18, line 24 with the following amended paragraph:

The paragraph ends on line 23 and has been noted. The instant application has been returned for issuance and printing.

Conclusion

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chirag Shah can be reached on (571) 272-3144. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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